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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2016
9 AM to 4:30 PM
Crowne Plaza Hotel
4402 East Western Avenue
Madison, WI

Approved Meeting Minutes:

Members Present Phone/Videoconferencing: Douglas Tikkanen

Guests Present by Phone/videoconferencing: Kurt Roskopf, Member Council on Physical Disabilities

Members Present: Sandy Popp (Vice Chair), John Olson (Immediate Past Chair), Ben Barrett, Dan Idzikowski, Denise Johnson, Ramsey Lee, Dave Morstad, Maureen Ryan, Patricia Williams, Pearl Fessenden.

Members Absent: Nancy Leipzig (Chair) Excused

Liaisons Present: Mike Bachhuber, Eva Kubinyski (DPI), Sarah Lincoln, Program and Policy Analyst (DVR)

Staff Present: Dan Johnson, Committee Staff; Gary Roth - IT Support Staff; Nancy Bills, Committee staff

Guests/Presenters: Curtis Cunningham, Interim Administrator, Division of Long-Term Care; Janet Estervig, Employment Section Chief, Division of Long Term Care; Sarah Lincoln, Program and Policy Analyst, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Special Invited Guests: Kathy Overman, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Accepting Achievement Award

Meeting convened at 9 AM by Sandy Popp (Vice Chair)

Welcome and Introductions - Sandy Popp (Vice Chair)

> **Action Item:** Dan will get an updated Committee membership roster (including name of the group they are representing, if any) to everyone for the next meeting.

Review and Approve Agenda – Sandy Popp (Vice Chair)

- Discussion of Agenda for September 8, 2016 included correcting typographical errors and “ombudsman” caption; and adding additional NCIL handout.

> **Action Item:** Sandy will work with Dan to correct above changes/additions.

Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve Agenda for September 8, 2016, seconded by Ben Barrett.

Review and Approve June 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

- Discussion included correcting typographical errors including captions and name misspellings. On the last Executive Committee conference call in June, asked to have corrected that John, Dan and Maureen are not on this committee and were not absent. Minutes from the June 2, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting were omitted from member's packets for today.

> **Action Item:** Sandy will work with Dan to correct spelling errors and captions.

> **Action Item:** Update minutes to reflect correct names and titles from the official roster and provide members with the list of all Committee members; including those serving on the Executive Committee and Liaison appointees.

- >**Action Item:** Copy of corrected minutes sent to all members.
- >**Action Item:** Create a category for excused absence on meeting minutes
- >**Action Item:** Create process for tracking committee member attendance, including who is present, absent and excused. Members with consecutive absences should receive a letter detailing attendance policy.
- >**Action Item:** Add to next meeting agenda a discussion of Committee membership to assess group representation.

Update on Family Care/IRIS Expansion, Department of Health Services Reorganization, and Other Division of Long-Term Care Updates – Curtis Cunningham, Interim Administrator, Division of Long-Term Care

- The Concept Paper has been withdrawn, it did not go to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, and there will be no action on this paper.
- July 28, 2016 was the announcement date for Family Care and IRIS Program expansions to the balance of the State which will take place over the next 36 months. Everyone will have full access for long term care services for all target groups and a full comprehensive benefit package to serve needs. Announcement stated that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will do the conversion for Adams, Florence, Forest, Oneida, Taylor and Vilas Counties in the third quarter of 2017 and Dane County in the first quarter of 2018. This is a big effort and approximately 3,000 individuals will be picked up statewide. Specific numbers will be available for next Committee meeting.
- Lakeland Continuous and CCW have entered into discussion regarding a possible merger.

Ramsey Lee asked whether merging MCO's would require individuals to have another screen done? Curtis responded: that he hadn't heard about this being an issue based on a change of corporate ownership and there would be public notification requirements if MCO's would merge. In a merger situation, letters would be sent out to members so they could consider their enrollment options. Mergers don't have anything to do with the IRIS Program. Initial step is to select MCO's and setting roll-out schedules.

- IRIS Update: DHS has been pushing for individuals to have a choice of their ICA (IRIS consulting Agency) and FEA (Fiscal Employment Agency) who are brought on board for the September 1, 2016 certification process start. Additional logistics are being worked out. ICA currently has five "up-state" and FEA has four locations. These entities can choose which counties they serve. DHS and county meetings are on-going and have focused on what's working well and unique issues and other challenges. Curtis will check on wait list and how that translates to new entities and report back to Committee.
- There is a lot happening. The Milwaukee County Family Care (MCFC) has now become a non-profit, non-stock company effective September 1, 2016 and they are no longer a county entity. Rock County roll-out was July 1, 2016 to transition toward entitlement. DHS welcomed new Agency Secretary Linda Seemeyer who has a great deal of knowledge and experience in both state and county health care systems. She is excited to move DHS forward with her vision. DHS sent out letters regarding a Federal IRIS interpretation that clarifies that guardians can provide service for IRIS enrollees. DHS is working with ICAs regarding the 40-hour rule policy implementation. The Children's Waiver Rule is out and posted for public comment and is in process for submittal on January 1, 2017. There is a big change in the transition from autism services from the waiver system to the card system, due to changes in federal interpretation. This will heavily impact school providers because it would require children to be excused from school. DHS is working with IMD (Institutes for Mental Disease) to improve care model and services to reduce IMD stays. Adult wait list is: 1,746.
- Centers for Medicaid Services – DHS working with home and county based settings on the waiver rule to ensure waiver payments are community based. Some surveys are completed and others are in process. Surveys are being done by DHS Division of Quality Assurance.
- Managed Care Rule – in addition to rate-setting, DHS is looking at provider networks.
- Tribal Waiver – working to develop long term care waiver that specifically addresses the needs of tribal nations.
- Curtis is pushing for a quality strategy for long term care and looking at providing quality and helping members we are serving. DHS is working on a roll out strategy that serves all aspects of provider programs, ICAs, MCOs and County and Children's waiver agencies.

- DHS reorganization – Working on merging the Division of Long Term Care (DLTC) with the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, so all Medicaid programs will be under one Division Administrator. Steering Committee has been established to move DLTC Centers to the Division of Care and Treatment Facilities. Another change was to move the Bureau of Aging to Public Health. Centers are now reporting to the new division. DLTC oversees Medicaid long term care and are having conversations on how to pull together those two divisions and what the management structure would look like? DHS is currently reviewing these items and developing a proposal by the end of 2016 (however the timeline could change).
- Handout in Committee folders today included a Blind and Visually Impaired program number breakdown. Note that there are currently, 13,966 with some level of visual impairment. This data is obtained through functional screen data. Even if the visual impairment doesn't present itself through the functional screen, this is the best data that DHS has to estimate for adult population.

Ramsey Lee asked: how an individual is able to get on the Long Term Care Council?

Curtis responded that it is a pretty big group, but he would check to see if this Committee has enough representation for People with Disabilities on the current council. There is an existing IRIS Advisory Committee. DHS has appointed some new consumer advocacy members on the existing council and that DHS is looking at communication charters for the Council which will be an effective body for input on these issues. The current Council has a broad list of represented groups and has a targeted outreach list.

Ramsey Lee asked: who regulates EMT transportation in the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability. It was suggested by Sandy Popp (Vice Chair) that the Committee may want to add this subject for discussion for the *next meeting agenda* to discuss further.

>**Action Item:** Sandy Popp (Vice Chair) and members agreed that they would like to invite Secretary Linda Seemeyer to attend their next meeting on December 8, 2016 if she is available.

10:15 -- Break

10:30 AM - **Update on 2016 Youth Leadership Forum** – John Olson (Past Chair) led discussion.

- John referred Committee members to the printed report.
- Background: Back in 1990's there was an idea presented in the State of Washington that was brought back to Wisconsin called the Youth Leadership Forum. This idea focused on instilling youth leadership skills with children who had disabilities and many advocates, including John, who worked to get this forum established in Wisconsin sixteen years ago at UW-Whitewater. This was a week-long forum which more recently has been held at Edgewood College in Madison. They created a 501©(3) non-profit entity that teaches leadership skills to individuals who gain insight on their own potential. It is a focused goal that these individuals possibly come back as board members on committees and share their thoughts on what is needed to be done to move advocacy organizations forward. This Youth Leadership Forum is now completely turned over to people with disabilities and they receive outside help with fundraising and external issues. John Shaw is the Youth Leadership Forum Chairperson who helps with the education and fundraising components. This Forum is normally held the second week in June at Edgewood College, and the participants reside in on-site dorms.
- **Dan Johnson** commented that today's meeting agenda should have reflected the printed report only and that John Shaw was not scheduled to speak. Dan J. also asked if anyone could apply for forum admission, no matter what their level of disability was? John Olson responded yes.
- **Maureen Ryan** commented that this group tries to incorporate their event when other local area disabilities pride activities are being held.

> **Action Item:** Sandy Popp (Vice Chair) asked Dan J. if he could reach out to this group to see if they could hold their yearly event to coincide with annual Madison area pride events for good peer support.

Executive Committee:

- Sandy (Vice Chair) led discussion. Sandy and Nancy Leipzig (Chair) met once in June to discuss waiver and again in August to go over the “to do” list from the June 2, 2016 Meeting. Sandy had a copy of these meetings minutes and went over the action items for members. Staffing budget: Nancy L. did not get to this. The Executive Committee (EC) wanted to look at disability transportation issues and inventory core grant. The EC looking at and discussed the State Use Board; 14c license (regarding sub-minimum wage) and will discuss later today. This Committee could look at doing a letter of support after discussing issue at a future meeting. Dan J. will check with Monica who did our Committee website which is on-line and a website link has been sent to Committee members.
- Ramsey wanted to publicly recognize the passing of Secretary Kitty Rhoades and said she was an advocate for all people and very supportive and acknowledged her actions. She will be sadly missed.

> **Action Item:** Write a letter to the Secretary of DHS to request an external ombudsman (which has not done to date) due to the passing of Secretary Rhoades).

- Maureen asked since the budget request didn’t get submitted, what’s the plan now? Sandy responded that she has not discussed this with Nancy L., but would be. Initially this budget request was supposed to be submitted through the Department of Administration (DOA), not the Department of Health Services. The thought was to do it through DOA because it was the Governor’s budget. Maureen said that it is a DHS line item, so DHS should be copied on the budget request to DOA. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to copy DHS. This discussion was part of the June 2, 2016 full Council meeting. The discussion was that this Committee would be housed and staffed by DOA. Maureen said it was a pretty big decision. Sarah said that she remembered the discussion to include a decision to just send the request to DOA. Item Resolution: No formal motion made.

> **Action Item:** Sandy said that the Committee will copy DHS on their budget request sent to DOA.

Membership Update:

- Sandy said that Nancy L. will have an updated Committee roster for next meeting.

Update on Letters Sent and Other Action Items Identified as Work Plan items at previous meeting:

- Children’s Waiver letter was the only one that went out.

MAPP Ad Hoc Workgroup

- **Update on meeting with Department of Health Services (DHS)**
Our Executive Committee met with DHS which focused on work requirements and the Internal Revenue Service barter regulation. They are looking at a \$25 minimum premium for all individuals with a hardship clause. County workers can exempt them from paying that premium on a monthly basis. However, if they are still “bartering for service” they need to give that a dollar value. Dan J. said that if you want to keep this as a work option you have to keep track of it. Sandy said it is a tax regulation and that will be an issue. Pearl said, look at Alaska’s long term care system and their CO’s have forms and educate the community on bartering which is pretty much what the general form of payment is everywhere there. John O. asked if this was an itemized IRS deduction? Sandy said they are looking at raising the limits and exempting a certain portion of the population. Anyone above 100% of the Federal Poverty level would pay \$25.00 plus 3% of their earned income. Unearned income will be treated the same as earned income. Any deductions still apply. There are three deductions that come off before your maximum premium is calculated. Episodic exemptions for example, (medical crisis, job loss, on waitlist for DVR), are being reviewed and is a positive step. The Executive Committee were assigned to put all of this on paper when the MAPP ADHOC Committee came together, including the bartering item, and disallowance of assets when retiring and applying for different long term care program. It was a one hour very good discussion, very productive. DHS listened to our concerns and once we get the written sheet, we will meet as an Ad Hoc Committee and go from there. There will be something in the budget, but it is revenue neutral. Maureen asked if this was the plan that will be addressed in the next biennial budget and if Representative Jacque’s legislation was needed? Sandy answered that this is the plan and no other legislation was needed. It is a good start. DHS wants all of the advocates on board. Potential implementation (if passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor) would be July 1, 2017.

11:40 AM -- UPDATE FROM LIAISONS

- Sandy led discussion on the NCIL handout in member's packets and went over the basic intent which is basically to weaken the ADA law. It allows someone to drive by a business location and initiate a legal claim that a business isn't ADA compliant. WI doesn't allow "drive by" complaints.

Dan suggested we make a motion to send legislators a letter to oppose the NCIL plan (HR 3765).

Pearl made a motion, Dave Morstad seconded, to communicate the Committee's opposition to HR 3765) to Wisconsin's federal legislative delegation. Motion passed unanimously.

- Representative Jim Sensenbrenner has authored legislation (the Rehabilitation Technology Act), dealing with complex rehabilitation technology. Discussion on this issue followed.

Maureen made a motion, seconded by Ben, to send a letter with our committee's endorsement of this legislation and thanking them for their support if they have already signed onto the legislation as a co-sponsor. Motion passed unanimously.

> **Action Item:** Sandy and Nancy L. will work together to write legislative endorsement letter to federal legislators from Committee.

- Pending federal legislation called the Disability Integration Act (consumer choice proposal) is pro-active legislation. (Congressman Sensenbrenner signed on as a co-sponsor already and Congresswoman Baldwin is looking reviewing it).

Maureen made a motion, seconded by Ramsey, to "acknowledge" this Committees' support for this Act. Motion passed unanimously.

> **Action Item:** Sandy and Nancy L. will work together to write legislative endorsement letter to federal legislators from Committee.

- Disability Community Integration Act, deals with temporary hire federal MA amount.
Committee unanimously verbally tabled issue until more research and discussion could be done.

12:00 PM -- Lunch Break

12:30 PM -- Committee Award Presentation to Kathy Overman, Fishing Has No Boundaries

(Kathy handed out program flyer). Ms. Overman presented Committee with a wooden plaque for its work to help people with disabilities.

1:15 PM -- Employment And Liaison Updates

- Denise Johnson – Announced that Dan Milliken has left his position, new contact is Amber Mullett.
- Ben Barrett, Council on Physical Disabilities –
Still working on the handicapped signage issue and have made progress. Working with DOT on a technical amendment on their language regarding the WI Uniform Signage law. DOT Secretary Gottlieb is looking into the possibility of doing this as a rule change, or if legislation is needed. Taqwanya Smith (DOT) is working on this. The change would be to "unstandardized" the sign. This change would only apply to private lots, not state property. Some ADA compliant handicapped parking signs aren't legal in WI. This issue is very confusing for business owners and drivers. Some business owners get their signs on-line and some are ADA compliant, but aren't WI compliant. Legal handicapped parking signs in WI have the veteran's language on the bottom of the sign.
- Maureen Ryan –
Meeting with taxi cab companies related to accessibility issues. Taxi companies are saying it will decrease ridership in an environment that is already depleting resources if additional handicapped accessible requirements are mandated. Uber and lift issues are additional matters of consideration. There have been an increase in consumer complaints for taxi cab accessibility since their last contract was signed.

> **Action Item:** Invite a representative from MTM and/or DHS to come and discuss this issue.

- Eva Kubinyski (DPI) – Handout in folders highlighting DPI/Sample IEP Forms/Highlights/May 2016
The definition of health impairment being discussed (to possibly include other conditions like, diabetes, asthma, post cancer, internal brain injuries, stroke, meningitis, etc.) It would depend how the condition would impact students. WI required by federal government to assess compliance for Special Education and what are the student outcomes. DPI is focusing on reading proficiency. This would affect students through 8th grade by documenting highlights of how we are changing their IEP forms to trigger conversation at meetings addressing reading impacts for students with reading disabilities. Fewer than 20% are deficient in reading. Focus is on reorganizing IEP forms (refer to handout). DPI is shifting and doing training “college and career ready IEPs” so individuals can be successful in the future. Modeling work around promoting excellence for all. They have found schools with racial achievement gaps as well as looking for schools that have done a good job in reading achievement. In December, they are bringing in support staff on mental health and literacy. The question was asked: whether there is a time-line when schools will roll out all of these new IEP forms. Answer: when Skyward implements it, sometime within the next year. Schools see the benefit of these changes.
- Ramsey Lee, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities –
This Board met in July and things are happening. They would like to encourage everyone to come to their Self-Determination Conference on November 9th and 10th. Grassroots and Sparks Grants available. They developed a new 5-year plan that was just released and sent out. Their next meeting will be in Milwaukee on September 22nd; and a conversation opportunity at Serb Hall in Milwaukee will be on September 21st in the afternoon.
- Douglas Tikkanen, Wisconsin Statutory Council on Blindness – (Via Videoconferencing)
Council is looking for a way to simplify the paratransit system between WI counties. One idea is to use their ID card to access paratransit info and they are meeting with transportation system representatives to see if this is possible (for instance how someone’s driver’s license is linked to their hunting and fishing license). No pending legislation to report. One discussion they are having is regarding the old Division of Blind Services within DHS. Council members are interested in seeing if creating this Division would be possible again to concentrate all services under one umbrella organization. The Council on Blindness has expressed concern with regard to DVR counselors not representing the interest of the blind and visually impaired. Some DVR counselors aren’t familiar with what acronym means, and that concerns members. Douglas also noted that: Tom Lang is retiring, and he is our Council of the Blind Liaison.

Sarah Lincoln (DVR) said that her agency is aware of the above concerns and is looking at the issue of business licensing and advocacy. Sarah added that Kathleen Enders was appointed in a new position at DVR and Ralph is the other counselor who took the lead in the Enterprise Office (EPP).

With regard to creating a separate agency, Maureen raised the issue of equal parity between disability groups and suggested that cross-training across disability groups might be helpful.

Doug said from the Council on Blindness’ perspective, that the DVR counselors needed additional training, and would support going back to a separate Division of the Blind.

Miscellaneous Remarks –

- Pearl Fessenden asked that members forward any survey results (that have been sent out to people with disabilities) to her. She is compiling the top five (5) concerns across disability groups so all agencies and committees can share information.
- It was mentioned that the Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities By-Laws are listed on the new webpage

2:00 PM – Break

- **Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Department of Workforce Development – Policy Analyst (Power Point Presentation)**

DVR continuing to update policies and is following new rules to move forward. There are a lot of gray areas to be determined; working closely with federal partners, regarding their expectations. Doing presentations around the state around WIOA and where these agencies intersect with the new law. They are scheduling more statewide forums. Dan J. will receive a list of new meetings so everyone will get the list. WIOA service providers being updated, rolling out soon and ready for implementation and posting. Supportive employment going to be changed, assistive technology, will roll out about the first of the year. Sarah will gather feedback. It's important to know when interpreters are needed at their forums and listening sessions. Hearing lots of concerns regarding DVR and turnover issues. DVR is aware of these issues, new counselors being hired and trained. WIOA briefings, lots of dialogue between audience and panel discussions and DVR's hope is to gain more insight from people around the state. DVR is just setting up the dates and these forums will be about WIOA implementation as it relates to DVR, schools, DHS and long term care. They are being called WIOA forums and the audience is teachers, service providers, DVR counselors, managed care (family care and IRIS providers), advocates, independent living centers and some families. DVR had a discussion today how to disseminate information to families. DPI is going to put together documents basically on what the implementation will do for youth in our schools. Forum sites are Eau Claire, Wisconsin Dells, Milwaukee and Green Bay. DHS uses a system called Live Stream to broadcast these meetings but you would need a URL to access.

Promise Program Update: Enrollment targets were met and we are now looking at ways to bring the four departments together and continue collaboration on the service projects as youths are getting employment services.

> **Action Item:** Dan J. will send Ellie's email (she sent out after meeting started) regarding target enrollment information from DVR.

Project Search Update: An RFP (Request for Proposal) was sent out and three new sites were selected that are already enrolling participants in Eau Claire, Oshkosh and Rice Lake. New sites will enroll in 2017 and the goal is to find 10 more sites for 2017 and increase to 27 project sites within the state. Additional sites were selected: West Bend, West Bend-Mutual, Watertown, Platteville, Holmen, Kenosha, Milwaukee-Goodwill/MPS, and Beloit Riverfront. Most sites are facility-based programs that all support employment and were chosen as partners for these businesses. All sites have employment pieces and community-based integrated service providers. The worksite is the business and all need to pay minimum wage, and submit an application. There is a possibility that some applications may be coming in from: Manitowoc, Washington County and Superior. Our Fast Forward Funds will end at the end of 2017.

- **Janet Estervig, Employment Section Chief, Division of Long-Term Care – Department of Health Services**

Tracking data from Project Search and that is tracking one year out, but they want to track progress longer using long term care data an additional two to four years more. DHS, is doing home and community based services, non-residential self-assessments to look at residential services, integrated settings and their work environment. The federal government has required a new policy under the settings rule which means as each setting is evaluated, it is evaluated based on how many opportunities they have within their own community (for example apartments, homes or work). DHS is in the middle of this evaluation right now. Residential providers have completed surveys, and some sight visits and self-assessments. Using a compliance tool, some of the assessments are easy to assess, some are not. The non-residential settings assessments finished last week. Good return, only 150 providers out of 800 hadn't completed the survey which included: children's day services; pre-vocational providers; day services not in a pre-vocational setting; and adult day care for the elderly funded under the waiver program which have to meet the settings rule. Prevocational providers have been more informed than other providers.

We are developing a compliance tool to get a picture where we are at in WI and how compliant we are. In the next two to three months, DHS will be holding stakeholder meetings to meet with our staff to talk about the self-assessments in groups; and use these discussions to build a compliance tool. Reviewers will do sight visits for non-residential providers. Providers will receive letters on what they need to do to stay compliant. HCBS final settings rule under compliance. Wisconsin receives \$100 Million from the federal government to stay compliant so this is very important because we depend on this Medicaid funding. One question we are looking at is: How do we help others move ahead with this? It's not about the services, it's about the setting.

The survey assessments were contracted through DQA (Division of Quality Assurance) to MetaStar.

One hot issue is proximity settings between the individual's home and work setting. Is the service on the grounds of the institution or not and are they physically attached. Is it separate enough – we need to address this heightened scrutiny requirement. Different heightened scrutiny issues include: proximity settings; individuals have to be in an integrated setting based on their disability and make sure that they are given the same experiences that other individuals have that don't have these disabilities. Currently we have 5,000 individuals in a prevocational facility who need to develop skill sets to work in a community. Building individual and family support is important so everyone can see the employee's potential. DHS and DVR share providers and we need businesses that are going to open their doors, and talk to families about the value of community employment. 412 people were randomly selected for the survey and we did individual interviews and will be getting that information back to DHS in January and will make that public. Maybe in the spring, we could a National CORE indicator staff meeting regarding survey results. They have a great website. There are a lot of good things happening in Wisconsin.

3:30 PM -- **New Business**

- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update**
Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Department of Workforce Development – Policy Analyst

Went through slides in handout. Some of the WIOA training will happen at the schools and others outside of the schools. Pre-employment services required the State to spend 15% of our funding to provide the subminimum wage jobs on the slide titled WIOA-Subminimum wage. Pre-employment services will help us when the Promise Program goes away. We need to build a message that works for everyone.

Whitewater will be training interviewers and some people will get two contacts, if it's your first year. DVR has resources DLTC are supporting these efforts. The UW-Whitewater website will share available position slots if someone is interested in becoming an interviewer. DVR will provide training that will connect them to the independent living centers, the disability resource centers. Important to note that everyone has to have an employment goal, it can't be disregarded. IRIS has a time limit. Meetings will be in local communities. There will be some exceptions made on a case by case basis. Guardians will be included in this review. Home locations for completing surveys is not best practice, but could be allowed. These will start in September/October. Referrals are going good. There is a roll-over provision for the 15% funding allotment that can be rolled over to the next year if it isn't spent. See handout.

- **Janet Estervig, Employment Section Chief, Division of Long-Term Care – Department of Health Services – (Power Point Presentation)**

Long term care (LTC) is a small portion of DVR services and has allowable employment services (only for some adults). Everyone needs an employment goal or outcome. LTC and DVR both say they are a payer of last resort. The school is first payer. We need to blend funding ideas. WIOA doesn't change any requirements for services to be offered by schools. It is important to stress that the WIOA is just the Title IV part, there is a lot more. The state is looking for initiatives and groups to partner with regarding employment in addition to schools, DVR, DPI, DCF. We need to get the message out to regional and local providers. Performance metrics will be assessed across state agencies. We are hopeful that there will be a change in the job centers because of this rule. Some do well and others need improvement. Conversations for new job opportunities are expanding into the agricultural community and other types of training programs and internship positions for example, bio-engineering and recycling. It is expected that all clubs and activities will have to incorporate any child with disabilities including extra-curricular activities.

- **GCPD Executive Committee Recommendations:** Dan Idzikowski gave rule and funding background and led discussion. The State Use Rule has two big requirements that are problems: they can only go to sheltered work centers and are paid subminimum wage; there is also a requirement that in order to have these contracts, the sheltered workshops have to guarantee that most of the work has to be done by 75% of individuals with disabilities. Discussion about a rule or statute change? Clear that statute defines law: SS 16.752 in WI.

WI may want to look at the State of Delaware that has implemented new ideas. Some ideas are: opening these up to private and non-profit employers and dropping the subminimum wage license requirement or lowering it to 51%; change the definition of “severely handicapped”; require some sort of a measurement that is currently required of the movement of individuals who are engaging in this type of work to integrated employment. Goal is to let individuals gain experience and use this as a stepping stone. Goal is to reform how these dollars could be spent and move people from training jobs (i.e. prevocational) to other jobs into the community. More discussion needed on the prevocational rule.

> **Action Item:** Dan Idzikowski and committee members supported setting up a small working group to discuss incentivizing private employment further. Members asked to be on Committee are: Dan I., Pearl, Maureen, Sarah (Janet Estervig, BCS, will be a Liaison member).

4:00 PM Legislation Discussion

- **Disabilities Rights PAD Protection – Dan Idzikowski**

This is an advocacy tool for people with disabilities, funding to enforce individual rights and keep people free of abuse and neglect. Annual plan will be up for public comment soon and this Committee’s website will welcome public comment.

> **Action Item:** Dan I. and Dan J. will put together information for a future discussion.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016

4:40 PM -- Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Ryan, seconded by Ben Barrett.

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Minutes submitted by Nancy Bills, Committee Staff